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For: A PERIPHERAL UNIT FOR A PROGRAMMABLE CONTROLLER

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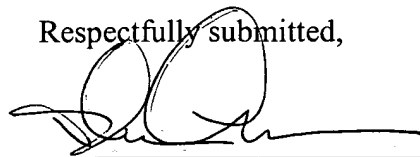
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- a) a form PTO-1449 listing four (4) references of potential relevancy; and,
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① Japan No. HEI 4-160407 A	Jun. 3, 1992	English Abstract
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* : The prior art document identified in the specification.